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**[ABSTRACT]****PRINTING METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MULTI-PASS PRINTING**

5           A multipass printer and printing method is described for  
printing an image on a sheet printing medium using a page wide  
printing head. A transporting device provides relative movement  
between the sheet printing media and a first print head. A series of  
sheet printing media are presented to the first print head for  
10   printing in sequence. The first print head prints a first sub-image  
of at least one set of monochromatic mutually interstitially printed  
sub-images of a first image onto a first sheet of printing medium of  
the series in one pass. A sub-image of an image is printed in  
succession on each remaining one of the series of sheet printing  
15   media followed by printing a further sub-image of the at least one  
set of monochromatic mutually interstitially printed sub-images of  
the first image onto the first sheet printing medium.

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